

Dilogarithms

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Li}_2(x) &= -\int_0^x \frac{dz}{z} \ln(1-z) \\ &\equiv \frac{x}{1^2} + \frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{x^3}{3^2} + \dots \quad \text{when } |x| \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(1) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}, \quad \operatorname{Li}_2(-1) = -\frac{\pi^2}{12}, \quad \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{12} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 2$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(-x) + \operatorname{Li}_2(-1/x) = -\frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 x, \quad x > 0$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2(1/x) = \frac{\pi^2}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2 x - i\pi \ln x, \quad x > 1$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2(1-x) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \ln x \ln(1-x)$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2\left(-\frac{x}{1-x}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln^2(1-x), \quad x < 1$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(1-x) + \operatorname{Li}_2\left(1-\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln^2(x), \quad x > 0$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \frac{\pi^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2(x-1) + i\pi \ln\left(\frac{x-1}{x^2}\right), \quad x > 1$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2(1-x) - \operatorname{Li}_2(1/x) = \frac{1}{2} \ln x \ln\left(\frac{x}{(x-1)^2}\right) - \frac{\pi^2}{6}, \quad x > 1$$

$$\operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{1}{1+x}\right) - \operatorname{Li}_2(-x) = \frac{\pi^2}{6} - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+x) \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{x^2}\right), \quad x > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\operatorname{Li}_2(xy) &= \operatorname{Li}_2(x) + \operatorname{Li}_2(y) - \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{y-yx}{1-yx}\right) - \operatorname{Li}_2\left(\frac{x-yx}{1-yx}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{1-y}{1-yx}\right) \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{1-yx}\right) \\ &\quad - \eta\left(1-y, \frac{1}{1-yx}\right) - \eta\left(1-x, \frac{1}{1-yx}\right)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\ln(xy) = \ln(x) + \ln(y) + \eta(x, y)$$

$$\text{Li}_2(xy) - \text{Li}_2(x) - \text{Li}_2(y) - \text{Li}_2\left(\frac{-y(1-x)}{(1-y)}\right) - \text{Li}_2\left(-\frac{x(1-y)}{(1-x)}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \ln^2\left(\frac{(1-y)}{(1-x)}\right) = 0$$

and from ref. [2] for $a = (P^2 + Q^2 - s - t)/(P^2Q^2 - st)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Li}_2(1 - aP^2) + \text{Li}_2(1 - aQ^2) - \text{Li}_2(1 - as) - \text{Li}_2(1 - at) = \\ & \frac{1}{2} \ln^2\left(\frac{s}{t}\right) + \text{Li}_2\left(1 - \frac{P^2}{s}\right) + \text{Li}_2\left(1 - \frac{P^2}{t}\right) + \text{Li}_2\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{s}\right) + \text{Li}_2\left(1 - \frac{Q^2}{t}\right) - \text{Li}_2\left(1 - \frac{P^2Q^2}{st}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The dilogarithm can be calculated as

$$\text{Li}_2(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} B_n \frac{z^n}{(n+1)!}, \quad z = -\ln(1-x)$$

where B_n are the Bernoulli numbers

$$\begin{aligned} B_0 &= 1, & B_1 &= -\frac{1}{2}, & B_2 &= \frac{1}{6}, & B_4 &= -\frac{1}{30}, & B_6 &= \frac{1}{42}, & B_8 &= -\frac{1}{30}, \\ B_{10} &= \frac{5}{66}, & B_{12} &= -\frac{691}{2730}, & B_{14} &= \frac{7}{6}, & B_{16} &= -\frac{3617}{510}, & B_{18} &= \frac{43867}{798}, \end{aligned}$$

with $B_{2n+1} = 0$ for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

References

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